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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN NORMALIZATION

REFS: A) LISBON 1596; B) GENEVA 1468

1. PARA 1 OF LISBON 1596 INDICATES EMBOFF MET WITH FERREIRA SOON AFTER LATTER'S RETURN FROM LUANDA ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 13. REPORTING TELEGRAM IS DATED FEBRUARY 28, HOWEVER. WOULD APPRECIATE EXPLANATION OF APPARENT DELAY IN REPORTING CONVERSATION.

2. WE ARE ALSO CURIOUS ABOUT OTHER ASPECTS OF CONVERSATION WITH FERREIRA:

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-- (A) IN CONTEXT OF NETO'S POSITIVE RESPONSE, WE ARE PUZZLED BOTH BY HIS CHARGES OF FEBRUARY 24 (REPORTED IN GENEVA 1468 AND FBIS) AND BY FACT FERREIRA HAD APPARENTLY NOT ALLUDED TO THEM BEFORE CONVERSATION WITH HIM WAS REPORTED. FERREIRA SHOULD BE ASKED TO CONVEY TO NETO OUR CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF THESE CHARGES -- SPECIFICALLY, NO

US MILITARY PERSONNEL, OR ANY OTHER AMERICANS CONNECTED WITH THE US GOVERNMENT IN WAY, ARE INVOLVED IN PLANNING OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY OPERATION OF ANY KIND AGAINST CABINDA OR ANGOLA PROPER. FERREIRA SHOULD ALSO BE ASKED TO CONVEY

TO NETO OUR VIEW THAT SUCH CHARGES ARE NOT HELPFUL TO THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION. FERREIRA SHOULD FURTHER NOTE THAT, BEFORE WE KNEW OF NETO'S CHARGES BUT CONCURRENT WITH THEM, THE USG GAVE INTERNAL APPROVAL TO A REQUEST FROM UNICEF FOR 12,000 METRIC TONS OF FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MANY THOUSANDS OF DISPLACED WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITHIN ANGOLA.

-- (B) RE PARA 1 (A) NETO REPORTEDLY SAID RPA IS READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS "AT EMBASSY LEVEL", INDICATING THAT IN HIS VIEW SUCH "NEGOTIATIONS" WOULD TAKE PLACE IN LUANDA AFTER AN EMBASSY WAS ESTABLISHED. IS THIS CORRECT INTERPRETATION OF FERREIRA'S REPORT? IF SO, IT CONFLICTS WITH OFFER IN STATE 021182 TO MEET WITH NETO REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT MOVING TOWARDS NORMALIZATION. WE PRESUME THAT IN ORIGINAL CONVERSATION FERREIRA WAS INFORMED "THAT WE WISH TO PROCEED WITH THESE DISCUSSIONS IN A MEASURED WAY AND THAT WE WILL HAVE MANY THINGS TO DISCUSS." (STATE021182).

WE THUS WISH TO EXPLORE VARIOUS ISSUES WITH NETO'S REPRESENTATIVE AS FIRST STAGE IN NORMALIZATION. WE ARE AWARE OF NETO'S INSISTENCE THAT THERE BE NO PRE-CONDITIONS TO NORMALIZATION, AND WE DO NOT INTEND THESE FIRST DISCUSSIONS TO CONSTITUTE PRE-CONDITIONS. WE DO WISH, HOWEVER, TO PUT OUR VIEWS ON RECORD AND TO LISTEN TO NETO'S IN PRELIMINARY MEETINGS THAT WOULD ALLOW EACH PARTY TO STATE ITS POSITIONS CLEARLY. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE TO FERREIRA THAT ANGOLAN REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH OURS IN LISBON OR NEW YORK ABOUT APRIL 1 FOR DISCUSSIONS. UPON RECEIVING NETO'S AGREEMENT AS TO TIME AND PLACE, WE WILL COMMUNICATE A LIST OF TOPICS WE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS AND INVITE HIM TO SUBMIT A SIMILAR LIST IF HE SO DESIRES.

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2. (FYI) DEPARTMENT WISHES THAT THIS AND ALL SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH FERREIRA OR OTHER NETO REPRESENTATIVES BE CONDUCTED BY DCM OR POLITICAL COUNSELOR. FURTHER MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE SENT IN REGULAR CHANNEL SECRET-NODIS.

UNLESS EMBASSY HAS REASON TO SUGGEST OTHERWISE, WE PLAN TO CONTINUE THESE CONTACTS THROUGH FERREIRA UNLESS NETO SHOULD DESIGNATE SOMEONE ELSE. CONTRARY TO FERREIRA'S

IMPRESSION NOTED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL A, NETO DID NOT MAKE
SIMILAR PRESENTATION TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN NIGERIA. WE
ARE REPEATING REPORT OF THAT CONVERSATION TO EMBASSY.
(END FYI)

3. AMBASSADOR SHOULD INFORM SOARES OF THESE CONTACTS,
EMPHASIZING CONFIDENTIALITY. WE WILL KEEP HIM INFORMED
OF DEVELOPMENTS AND APPRECIATE VERY MUCH HIS EARLIER

OFFER TO BE OF ASSISTANCE, WHICH WE MAY VERY WELL TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.
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